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To: Members of the Legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee

Subject: Reject HB-5460 An Act Concerning Captive Audience Meetings

Dear Committee,

As a small family business owner I am concerned about the above subject act and the way it would restrict me from communicating to my most precious asset, which is my employees if it were enacted. In this global unpredictable economy it is of utmost importance that employers be able to fully communicate with their employees regardless of the topic. My employees and I are involved in the community on local issues and I often communicate these messages at the end of our weekly meetings. Our company is also involved with several charitable organizations such as United Way and the Red Cross and I urge my employees to give to the less needy. It is also important for my employees to know what is going on at the State level and how it affects our business and most importantly how their vote counts. I urge you to reject bill HB-5460 as it would make our jobs much tougher and may prevent important information from being properly communicated to our employees on social economic issues that have significant impacts on the local communities.

Best Regards,

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